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Mr. Thomas Wheeler and Fellow Commissioners The Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As the State Representative of the 93rd Assembly District in Wisconsin, I wish to express my support for the merger between AT&T and DirecTV and hope that this merger will be approved in a timely fashion. This merger encompasses the importance of fostering investment of capital, vision, and risk-taking efforts by private businesses so as to ultimately serve the public good.

As we all know, this industry is always changing and growing as society requires more access to better technologies. Combining the strengths of AT&T and DirecTV would produce substantial benefits for the people that I serve. This merger would bring high-speed Internet access to many rural Wisconsin private businesses and citizens who previously have had limited, or even no, choice for broadband service.

The merger of AT&T and DirecTV would further provide my constituents with greater availability of broadband in rural areas that are struggling to get the technologies that they desperately needed. Having the option to choose a company that provides integrated satellite video, broadband, and VoIP services offers an attractive and compelling choice to many consumers that I represent. The fact the combined company can deliver these services over multiple platforms will make them even more accessible and beneficial to the people I represent.

During my time in the Wisconsin State Legislature, I have done everything within my power to bring about solid economic growth. As a voice of the people living in the 93rd Assembly District on economic policy issues, I believe enhanced high-speed Internet access that is affordable and reliable will make the business environment competitive.

Though I realize much work lies ahead make this merger a reality, overall it would make available necessary technologies more available to rural and underserved areas across the state. As a public servant in the Wisconsin State Legislature, I see this merger as having the potential to boost the economy of my district by providing broadband access to many residents of

Wisconsin. The merger will result in a brighter tomorrow for Wisconsin. I am confident that this transaction makes sense for my constituents, and I am equally confident it makes sense for Americans everywhere.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely

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